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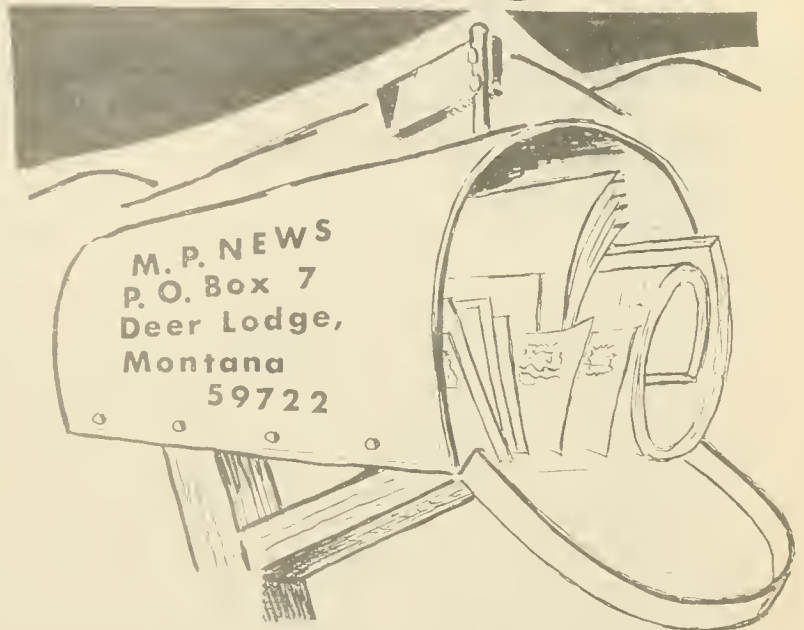
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Editorial

The changing of the new year finds many changes in the staff of the N.P. News. The change is due in roles, and job changes. I find myself in an unfamiliar situation in that I have never worked for a news paper, let alone trying to edit and help publish one. I do find myself among friends though, and I'm sure that through these and those that help in this publishing and the ones to follow..... They will be of a great help and inspiration to me and themselves as we all help each other.

I wish to extend at this time a thank to, Gary, Dennis, Ed, Scott, Sgt.. McNally, and all those that submitted there time and effort in making this paper possible. It is th these people that make this kind of paper possible.

Having been offered this job once before, I must say that I was very apprehensive about it.....only due to having no previous experience. I want to thank the various people and the Lord for having helped change this attitude. He, [Lord] has promised us that he will be with us in what ever task that we may take. I have already looked to him for guidance, and will continue to do so.

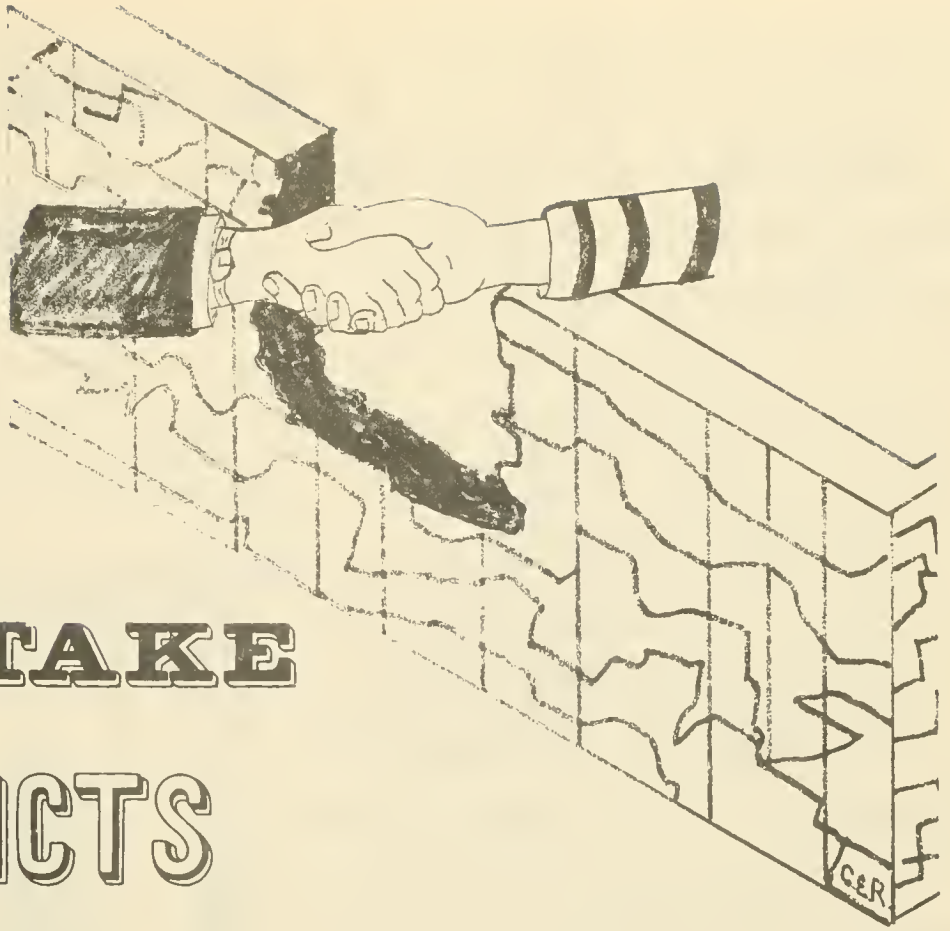
I'm sure that there have been many questions that have appeared in the past issues, and much controversy over some articles of publication. This appears to be allways present in the making of any news article. It is the will and the responsibility of this staff and those who make it possible, to publish those things that pertain to the betterment of this institution....and those that are incarcerated here. We wish to extend an invitation to all who read this article at this time.....to write in to us anything that pertains to the development of mankind, and his environment. This not only shows us that all are interested.. but it develops a relationship between us and the people involved.

We realize that we are going to be short of talent in the beginning of these next few issues....in so far though as co-operation of all involved that will help to correct these short comings. A staff is only as strong as its weakest point. The help of all involved will eliminate these points.

One of the natures of man is to be able to express himself, and through this expression to be recognized. When we stop and think what we want to express, we find ourselves caught up in our thoughts and our own personal experiences. The type of experiences that we have govern much of our reaction to certain things.. When mankind stops and reminds himself that there are many people who go through the same kind of experiences that we have, I'm sure that he will see many different kinds of expressions and reactions. Some express themselves by writing, some by becoming involved in sports, some become adventures, and some of them have the experience of a complete change inside themselves. I believe that it is this type of person that is making it on the outside, one that has had our same kind of experiences. Did they try to change the things around them or did they change themselves inside first?????????

I wish to extend to all a Happy New Year, and that the forth coming year will bring the wishes and desires of all your hearts true.

SINCERELY THE
EDITOR & STAFF



I'LL TAKE CONVICTS

Although the industrialist who wrote "Keep Your Convicts" seems adamant in his refusal to hire ex-inmates of penal institutions, I am sure he does and will hire them because his comments show an intense interest in their welfare; evident in his condemnation of many of the evils of prisons themselves, plant-wise, program-wise, and administration-wise. . . (or perhaps I should say "unwise.")

"Keep Your Convicts" is a powerful framework for constructive thinking by a man who thinks enough about the problem to do something about it. He has visited institutions and has exposed much of the institutional life that conspires against eventual rehabilitation of the convict.

If I were in the position of the author who hires 1,100 men, I would be realistic enough to face certain aspects of the labor-management problems. (Keep in mind a parallel whereby the words "labor-management" could be interchanged by the words "inmate-institution.") I would have to acknowledge a headache called-

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" labor turn-over, " and being a capable executive, I would analyze the percentages of labor turnover and reasons for them in the various wage brackets. Another headache called "absenteeism" can be likewise analyzed... and, being perfectly honest with myself, as an employer of over 1,100 men, I would have to face the un-nice truth that in spite of having my employees fill in detailed applications of previous employment. . . . references both as regards ability and character, there still are problems of inventory shrinkages. I even pay a substantial premium for a fidelity bond that protects me against loss not only by the lower wage earner, but also embezzlement, forger, etc., by the executive.

Unfortunately, the conditions that the industrialist points out in our penal institutions do conspire against eventual rehabilitation, but I can not agree with his suggestion to....."let the state find a use for the human husk that is left." A man of his calibre, with his experience in dealing with men, ought to be able to cull the good from the bad. Granted that no man can hope to achieve a 100 percent batting average in evaluating another man's behavior under any or all conditions. It doesn't necessarily follow that 100 percent of prison inmates should be discarded merely because of their history of penal residency.

Mushrooms grow from unsavory muck. Yet they can nourish us and become, in a sense, part of us; but not all mushrooms are palatable, and from the mire grows the stinkweed along with the orchid. It is for us to select.

I'll take the convict. I'll take the convict when I can appraise him as a man in spite of the muck from which he may have sprung, or from the institutional bog where he may have been mired. I'll take him because I am realistic enough to realize that my previous inventory shortages were not the results of evaporation, but of men whose job applications, whose questionnaires, and whose references were excellent. This article by Roy C. Goodson via "The Colony."

KEEP YOUR CONVICTS



I employ over 1,100 men and there is not an ex-convict among them. There isn't going to be an ex-convict among them, even though my plant, being near a penitentiary.....is a natural target for those who sponsor the come--back attempts of men who have served time. I do not care if a man was unjustly imprisoned and if his sponsor comes to me with proof of it..... whatever his story, I do not want him.

My "hard-boiled" stand is, I hope, constructive. I am no more lacking in human feelings than my fellows who extend sympathy. What does the ex-convict do for particular good....I merely look at a public problem from a different angle. I ban the ex-convict because when an American penitentiary gets through with a man----innocent or guilty----he is unfit to hold his place in industry with the men I've hired from the world of free workers. In arriving at this conclusion I have done what less than

half, admittedly, of the clergy and social workers who.....in fortune be to give some ex-convict a chance....have done---I have visited penitentiaries.

Behind the grim, grey walls, I have, seen human lives tied to a brutalizing routine. I have seen men living.. jammed together in badly ventilated -- cell blocks. I have smelled the smell to which their nostrils are constantly exposed, seen unbelievably crude sanitary systems in operation, and talked with prison wardens about the ever-pressing problems of finding sufficient work to keep their charges constructively employed during the day and decently tired at night.

Talk about your problems of "hard work" in the world outside and its effects upon the men who do it! Have you ever considered the many useless.....worrying jobs by which nothing is accomplished??? Jobs to which a man can bring no spark of interest?

The men who face the grim problem of controlling many crowded, desperate men cannot afford to think in terms of "redeeming human values." To avoid outbreaks they must enforce a discipline carefully pointed at bringing the human brute into subjection. Not every man who enters prison is a brute, but everyone pays the penalty of asso-

ciation with brutes. The big men in convict thought are the men who have committed the most serious crimes. A new prisoner's philosophy, his ideas of life, and his conversation about the most trivial affairs become colored by the viewpoint of the underworld---the world that thinks in terms of preying rather than producing.

I don't care if an ex-convict has paid his debt to society. I don't care whether he ever owed a debt to society. He has spent a certain number of years in the packed, unhealthy, plotting atmosphere of the pen. I owe too much to the workmen I already have to let him in my plant. He won't do!!!

He has the initiative ground out of him. He has lost the sense of pride in productive work. His mind is teeming with ideas that he may not have accepted fully, but that he cannot purge from the brain that was forced too long to live upon them, for lack of other nourishment. He has been trained to intrigue and to conspire for even the simple things other men take for granted; tobacco, reading matter, a few extra minutes of conversation.

The arguments pile up indefinitely, a sordid array of sorry facts. I do not even bother to present them to the ex-convict. As he stands, he doesn't belong in a plant like mine; but no end is served by telling him so. I address my challenge to my state and to the nation.

KEEP YOUR CONVICTS OR HALF CITIZENS OUT OF THEM!!!!

If the end of the prison is punishment and the means of punishment is calculated to rob the men of initiative, pride, decency, and self-respect----then let the state find a use for the human husk that is left. Don't ask industry to do it.

No man should serve his sentence and step out into the world. There should be a period of preparation. If society's debt must be paid to the hilt, then add a year to each sentence and call it a year of rehabilitation. During that year let the convict put the dull, demoralizing routine of penitentiary life behind him. I would ship him away from the prison that had witnessed his shame and the comrades who shared it. I would give him work to do that he could take pride in doing and I would give him a free man's reward for that work. I would teach him to save that money and pay his bills. He would have a pay envelope every Saturday night and he would be submitted weekly bills for board, lodging and incidentals.

Perhaps it might be possible to work out a variation of the CCC scheme, where by these "last year" men could be given a taste of healthy outdoor life to drive the prison contagion from their bodies while the psychology of the course for freedom was cleaning their minds. One year is not a long period when the damage of many years has to be repaired but I am convinced that it is long enough if the builders of men work as efficiently in that year as do the molders who make convicts out of a man in his first prison year.

"If your businessmen do not provide honest work for these men, they will be driven back in spite of themselves to a life of crime."

I hear that too often. It puts the responsibility on me, where it does not belong. I know that he may be driven back to crime, but if the state has prepared him for nothing else the problem is too big for me to handle.

As a taxpayer, I contribute to the support of every convict in the state. They have to live, and I do not begrudge my share, but I should like to pay a little more---if it would cost any more---to provide each of those convicts with a year of training---not in manual arts of deadwork, but in the theory and practice of being a good citizen.

They've lost their citizenship--- let us make citizens of them. Until then I stand pat against every intercessor who visits my office with the cause of a convict to plead.....I DON'T WANT THE PRODUCT OF AN AMERICAN PENITENTIARY IN MY PLANT.????????



OUTER SITUATION

At this time, the institution and staff would like to thank Mr. Kellner for the opportunity he has given us in making available this article. I'm sure...it will help all concerned to know a little about this fine man, who is the Director of the Department of Institutions, and the present situation on a new prison facility.

Being a native of Montana, he grew up in Beaverhead County. He attended high school in Dillon, and went to the University of Montana for three years. He completed his college education at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Upon leaving college, he completed his military service, and returned to Montana and got his Master's Degree at the University of Montana. He taught at the University in the Psychology Department. It was through this job that he became the member of the North Dakota Teachers Association in Bismark. His desire was always to return to Montana, and it was our gain as he returned and became manager of the Montana State Chamber Of Commerce. He held that post for nine years. He now has the top position as Director of the Department of the Institutions.

As Director, he has a Board of Institutions under him. This Board is comprised of five members. They are appointed to office for a term of five years by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. Under this

Board lies the responsibility of eleven state institutions. The largest of these being the State Hospital at Warm Springs. At the head of each institution is a Superintendent. The exception to this title is the one at the Montana State Prison, where the head of the Department is Warden Estelle.

The Board of Institutions sets up various policies and programs for the betterment of the institutions.....Mr. Kellner and the Board meet and discuss these policies and programs. Upon reaching an agreement, we call all the Superintendents together for final agreement prior to submitting them to the Legislature. By the same token, if the Legislature passes a policy or Program, it is to me to see that the Institution involved is notified and these procedures adapted to these present policies.....We work through what is called a Central Office Directives. The Board may say they want a certain program initiated, they will work up a Central Office Directive, and send it back to the Board to make sure this is the way they want it handled. They then Distribute these policies to the Superintendents to bring them into effect in their present policies. If they don't work out, we meet with them and discuss why, and then.... make the necessary changes.



I think that we can all agree, that since Mr. Estelle has become the Warden, that there have been many changes.....The Board is well aware of these changes. From the standpoint of inmates, I'm sure they will note that there is more of a relaxed atmosphere and the privileges have been extended.....Even though we know that all things in changing take a little time we can note the progress by the results of the present changes already in the institution and inmates.

The Budget system is one of the most important things in the functioning of an institution. The Governor is required to present a balance of the Budget. He has to project income to match the Budget that he will submit. At the present time we assume that the Governor sees revenue available..... for the amount of money that the Budget Director has allowed. From this.....the Legislator may make certain adjustments. We can only work with what the Budget Director has allowed, and he has been very fair to us.

One of the many critical points in the Budget, is a concern for better wages for the employees. When you raise the wages you can establish a proper training program for the em-

ployee. Thus he or she takes more of an interest in his job. Through these efforts you create longer employment, better relationship between employee and department, and a concern in rehabilitating the inmate or patient, whatever the case may be.

The main issue at this time though, is obtaining through the proper channels, facilities for a new prison.. The Board has made a construction layout for this and its number one or there priority list. In the 1969 Legislation, The Board had asked for....\$1,109,000 with which to make a phase run on a new prison facility. From the many articles and discussions on a new prison, I feel that the sentiment has changed in the State....This is due to the Board making it the first priority, and from the Warden drawing the public's attention to this fact.. The Warden has stated, in terms of money, that the state would save over \$200,000.....a year just by running one prison facility, instead of the present two. If the inside prison is done away with, and the new facility put in out at Rothe Hall....the fields for a proper training program and rehabilitation for the inmates would be of great value stemming from this move.



The cost of a new prison would be \$4,000,000....With one million coming from the state, and the other three million coming from the help of Federal Funds. There is in Legislation in Congress now, a motion which would authorize matching in construction of a new prison 3 to 1. There is a discouraging factor in that the way Legislation presently stands, the money will be allocated by basis of need, and population of the state.....I feel that we can and have already demonstrated these needs... We are encourage though because we believe that we will receive the necessary money required from the state. When we receive this money from the state, we stand a better chance of receiving the other three million from Federal Funds. If the State should approve the funds necessary, and the Federal would disapprove the funds, we should ask to be allowed to spend of the funds of the State to be used on renovation here for the things that are absolutely necessary. We do have to be realistic about this though, in that the need is an essential one!!!!!! This is being shown by John Cross,.....Who is Chairman of the Board, making it number one on there list.....Also by the interest in the League of Women Voters Churches, and the Citizens themselves.



At the present time the inside prison needs many repairs that I feel would be impractical to accomplish, due to the age of the Institution and the condition of the equipment.....The population is the lowest that it has been in recent years, and this is due to the fact that Montana doesn't have the problems that other states do, and that the Judges are giving out more suspended and probationary sentences. One of the reasons for high cost in the present prison is that the population is down. The expense is added when you have a situation where there is a one to one ratio.....This is just one of many reasons why this inside prison should be closed down and the new prison put in out at Rethel Hall.

As has been previously pointed out, the new prison would open the door for better vocational and educational programs. The present Vocation Program has been a tremendous asset to the prison...At one time they didn't have any vocation or education programs at all. Through this program, it has alleviated a lot of problems as far as the inmate returning to society and re-adjusting himself. If we can give the inmate a vocation and training while he is here, the rest of the things, such as readjusting, will all fall into place.

The Voice of Youth?

DEDICATED TO THE GOOD OLD AMERICAN WAY

Understanding. According to Webster, the definitions are various and many. The best one seems to be: the power of comprehending. But! How many people take the time to try and comprehend another person's beliefs, before criticizing them? We do not have to agree with those beliefs, but we should at least listen before disagreeing completely. Listening is the first step in achieving understanding. But, alas, close-mindedness and misunderstanding seem to be the way of life.

What about the case of misunderstanding the youth in this country? To some, no doubt, the mere mention of the word "youth" brings images of long-haired, protesting radicals. (Shades of anarchy! What is this country coming to?) Well rest assured, not everybody with long hair is an anarchist or communist.

"But", some may say, "the long hair, strange attire, etc., aren't they signs of non-conformity?" It could just be that they are signs of conformity. A conformity to a new set of values. A set of values so alien to the present society, that they immediately reject them, as is the "herd instinct" when confronted with something new and different. It appears as though Society is afraid of the fact that what the younger generation has to say, may have the ring of truth to it.

Just exactly what are they trying to say? Are they saying that it is wrong for certain politicians to exploit minority groups in hopes of gaining office? Dare they say that equality and integrity seem to have become just a couple of words? Have they the affrontery to accuse our Government of involving us in an unjust and costly war and say we should be "looking to our own house" first?

Or are they trying to say it is time for a change? A change where our fellow man is more important than any ideallogical concept. And that means communism, capitalism or any other kind of "ism". A change where understanding replaces hatred and bigotry. And where, regardless of race, religion, or creed, we are allowed Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

And it seems like this is where I came in.

-Budda-

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OUR PAST

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WHY NOT GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY? A PAROLEE HAS FAR MORE
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Hire a Parolee

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NOT

A TAXBURDEN

GLEN KENISON



EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT

The following article is designed to give the inmate and reader a better understanding of the Job Employment Program and how it works. It will be written out in a Question and Answer form.

QUESTION: Is this Program established for those who have made Parole.

ANSWER: It is for those only that have made there approved Paroles.

QUESTION: How long has it been in effect.

ANSWER: It was set up on April 1, 1970. It came about by the Warden and Parole Board working through the Employment Service in Helena.

QUESTION: What is your responsibility in the present Program.

ANSWER: I have the responsibility of screening the applicants for a new program that is being established, and also work directly with the inmate in helping him to find a job.

QUESTION: What is this new program.

ANSWER: It is called M.D.T.A. It stands for Manpower Development training Act. It is a Federal Fund and is set up by the Warden and Parole Board

working together through the Employment Service and Education Dept.

QUESTION: What is the present situation for those who have made parole, and need a job to get out.

ANSWER: It is very critical. Every office in the State or the major ones, are experiencing more and more people who are applying for unemployment. Their claims for unemployment are up more than 50% over last year.

QUESTION: What effect is this having on the inmates who have made Parole.

ANSWER: The Parole Board does not take this situation into consideration. They say paroled to approved plan.

QUESTION: Is there anything in line in the near future, because of the present situation, that will set the Parolee free as soon as he makes his parole.

ANSWER: I don't know. This is strictly up to the Parole Board.

QUESTION: What was the situation like a year ago.

ANSWER: A year ago compared to now, it was much worse. Thru the present
(continued)

program it has speeded up the chances of the Parolee obtaining a job. There are those though that have made parole and have turned it down going for a discharge instead.....Some have made parole and can't get out because they have detainers on them.. It is in this kind of case where we cannot help. In some other cases there Parole is Prohibited. The Parole Board in some may have put limitations on the parole and we can't meet these limitations. One of the things that the Parole Board classifies as limitations, that is sometimes they say Parole Parolee to a certain state, but the parolee can't get a job in that state. Then he has the difficulty in getting out.

QUESTION: Is there any future plans of adding anything more on to the present program to help solve these problems.

ANSWER: Yes! We have a Director hired, and a procurment officer in our M. D. T. A. Program. This program is funded by Dept. of Labor. Plans are to train 30-50 inmates. They will be individuals that will be coming up for parole within 30 weeks of the starting of the program. The program itself is for a 30 week duration. We will screen the inmates who will be coming up for parole within this time limit. These individuals will be given vocational training. They will be selected, and screened by there counsellor and myself. This will be done on the basis of there ability and interest in the program. We want those who will put to use this training on the outside.

QUESTION: What are the programs they will be teaching.

ANSWER: There will be four fields. They will be.....Auto Mechanics (minor tune up and repair)Farm Machinery Equipment repair. This also will be only minor tune up and repair.....Meat cutting is the third....and the fourth one includes two things actually, that is cooking and bakery. These programs will help tremendously for those who come in here and have no backround.. or any work experienc. Its hard to place this kind of individual in a job where there is a certain degree of training required before hand. After they have completed this training, we

can get them into a on the job training position, or apprenticeships. It gives the inmate a selling point. We then can fo to the employer and show him something rather than saying he hasn't had any experienco or backgro-und in this kind of work.

QUESTION: On what kind of a basis will the inmate be chosen?

ANSWER: I will get there work back-grounds and screen them. The individ-uals involved or selected will be not-ified. I will counsel with each ind-ividual selected and see what type of work they are qualified for. Then in turn, I send this information to Hel-ena, wher it is reproduced and sent out to the area where the individual wants it to go.If the individual says he wants to go anyplace; then we send him to a place where it looks most likely that he will get a job. We send the information to the employment service in that area, and each area has one person to work for the parol-ees. It is up to this endividual to get the parolee a job. He goes out with the information that we have giv-en him and he sets up a job interview. I then take him to this job interview, and we arrange through the Parole Boar-d the release to this job.

QUESTION: When will the M.D.T.A. be going into effect?

ANSWER: Sometime between the 1st and the 15th of February. I plan on start-ing to screen the individuals who will participate by the 20th of January. I might also add that those who will be participating in this program, that they will be receiving an allowance. This will enable them, if they need any tools, to acquire them from the funds that they have earned while par-ticipating in the program.

QUESTION: What happens if you don't get enough applicants that fall into this training period.

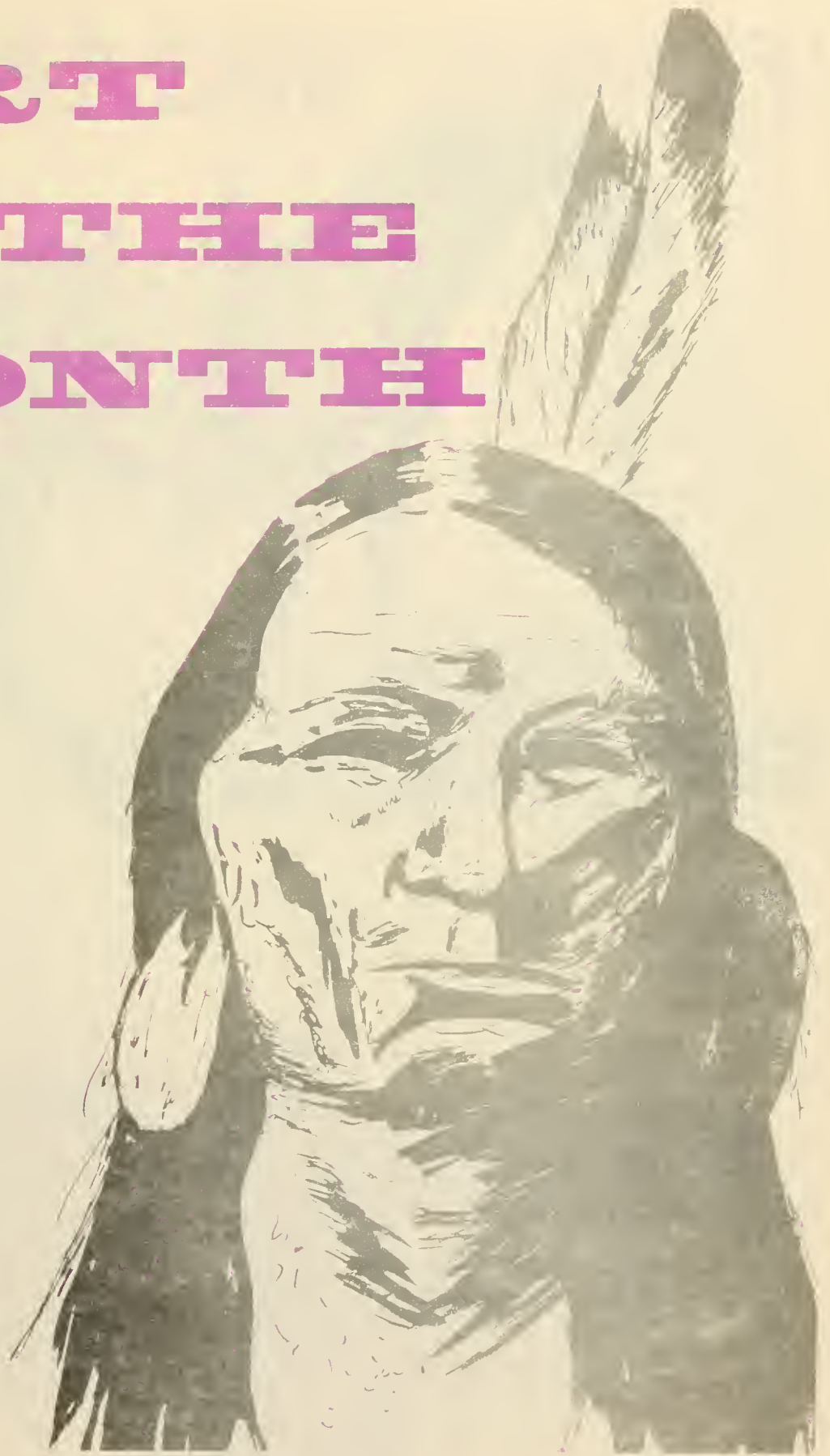
ANSWER: We will go ahead and train those that will be coming up for par-cle in a short time. Say like the pro-gram ends in Sept. and someone is due for parole in Dec. we will go ahead and train him. This will benefit hem, in that he won't have to miss out in that short time inbetween. Vocational Rehab. will be assisting also.



Don. B.

ART OF THE MONTH

THE ART THIS MONTH
IS BY
W. BARROWS
KNOWN AS
"LITTLE BEAVER"





Little Beaver
W. Barrows 70



Little Beaver
W. Barrows 71



THE BARDS' TOUCH

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Man is inhumane to man
though we preach forgiveness
It is but a decieving sham
more important, Your Business

Right is on our side!
as a young man dies
We shall not hide!
but a black child cries

Onward! Men of Right
no one gainsay the Almighty Buck
Spiro says they're a blight
but wait.....there's nobody left to shuck
-Budda-

Are you then so blind
you cannot see

that defiant
hostile one

is only a wounded,
struggling, pleading me?

Against the midnight of my sorrow
Some little light of hopes are played

As tiny lilts of love and laughter
Reaching back from some tomorrow
Call me forward into day

The above two poems were written and
composed by SISTER MARIAN LORANG

NOVUS

Taking up the things
that we let sleep,
The young generation
now walks the streets

From house to house they search
"no false beauty do they reape"
"no lies do they want to hear"

The young generation
they will be heard
Their search is TRUTH

GER

THE TOMB

In this tomb that holds the living
we live our lives in a world that
sees no sun, feels no rain or snow

In this tomb that holds the living
we know not the day from night
we see no trees, no flowers or things of green

There is no rapture, no tears,
no sighs and no laughter
In this tomb that holds the living.

GER

FROM WITHOUT WITHIN

First there was a schoolhouse
but no school like this had ever been
then there were the lessons
and then some lessons once again

De Colores

De Colores

shines without
but really comes from deep within

Next there came the letters
cards of love and prayers from everywhere

The Palanca

The Palanca

were what really tuned us in
from without they tuned us in
in to where our heads had never never been
opened up our eyes inside-out
to look so deep within
made us feel the joy we felt
the joy that never before had been

And so He entered

oh yes He entered

deep into our soul from without

He entered in

and now the light that shines from out
us comes from deep

within.

HOPE

Swarming thoughts---Endless messages

Permeating life's structures:

Of calcium---bone,

Muscle fiber,

All body's tissues.

Traversing neurons

Invading ganglia

Sweeping the convolutions of the brain's cortex,

Striking with the velocity of

The tiercel's stoop.

Realization: HOPE!

That's what this is-----

This conflagration of mind---images.

To hope is to live

For with out that wonderous enigma

Life.....

Would not exist. (I think)

by S. Heckman

Your love for me like a flame
alive within your heart.
For this, I felt with little doubt,
that nothing could ever part

Then it happened, that distant tie
for which I had no fear,
as time passed by, your love died,
the ember which I held so dear.

or G



DON'T QUIT!

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill
When the friends are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must but don't you quit

Life is queer with its' twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns
And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victors' cup
And he learned too late when the night came down
How close he was to the golden crown

Success is failure turned inside-out
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt
And you never can tell how close you are
It may be near when it seems afar
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit

-THE PLUMBER-

LOVE OF LIFE

My life, too long have I awaited in darkness
Knowing not your love, know me, so that I may
Feel my wholeness
I need you, for you alone can guide me
As I grope about in this darkness of loneliness
Of heartbreak and despair
This darkness that robs me of knowledge, experience and humility
I need you, want you, my wholeness of life

Years fade past into frightful memories
Tinged with bitterness and lost hopes
Yet

I cling stubbornly to that Great Dream....life and I
This flayed twine of life, tho' ebbeth with strands
Of quickness, a death dream??
Ever elusive is the shadows that cling with hope
As life escapeth through my reaching searching mind
To deny me my equal state

-Lakota-

DESIDERATA

(A Desire To Attain)

Go placidly among the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be, in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter;; for always there will be grater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career.....however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.....But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness....Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.....You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here....and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its shame, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world..... be careful. SMILING IS HAPPY!!

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NOTES



" THE LIBRARY DEDICATION



ND THE VISITORS "



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Knowledge is free and what better way to take advantage of one of our...few. freedoms than through the library? The library at the Montana State Prison has been renovated and better equipped for just this reason, to help anyone wanting to expand their knowledge.

Although the library has been open for some time, the official dedication was held December 9th, 1970. Attending the opening were members of the Board of Institutions, Mr. Edwin Kellner, Mr. Charles Bell, Mr. David Hoffman, the State Librarian, and Mr. Richard Peel in charge of Institutional Library Services, Mr. William Conklin, Chairman of the Library Commission and members of the commission. Also present were members of the prison staff, the Deer Lodge Rotary Club and members of the Citizen Advisory Committee. Garden Estelle and Mr. Haas, the Prison Librarian, hosted the dedication which gave the visiting people a chance to browse through the library and see the new facilities.

In an interview with Mr. Haas I gathered some facts which may be of interest to a few of you. The Prison Library since 1968 has more than tripled the books checked out each month; 80% of these books by the inmate population and 20% by the staff, which also has use of the library. These books will be rotated with new books from the Montana State Library every year.....The Law portion of the library is expanded and up to date with 54 new volumes, with the newest edition of 1969. The Prison Library is the best serviced library of all the libraries
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Of state Institutions in the United States, plus it is used more than five times as much as any other library in the state. In November of this year a FIMT was made when the Playboy magazine took its place on the shelves along with the 20 other magazines available before. With these facilities we can also enjoy music with a new stereo and albums picked by the inmates. Another new edition to the library is the "talking Book" section. This consists of records designed to aid the handicapped.

The talking book section of the library will be allowed to be checked out to anyone wishing to check this out. A plug will be allowed in the cell which will operate the light and plug-in unit of the recorder, while using the recorder you will have to use the ear-phones or the recorder will be removed and placed back in the library. Also the Playboy magazine is now officially allowed for subscription for anyone wishing to have it for their own. The magazine that is in the library will be checked out from the desk to anyone wanting to read it, but you may not remove this from the library.

All in all there has been a great improvement to the library from what we once use to have. It's your library, so don't be caught short of books tonight or any other night.

In conclusion we would like to express our thanks to the librarian, Mr. Laas and his assistant, "Lucky" Lucenback





BROTHERHOOD OPEN HOUSE

On December 6, 1970, in the Clark Theatre, the Brotherhood held their annual Christmas Program. The play itself depicted five short scenes on the attitudes of people in prison, professor and student, police and youth, older people, and a man and his sons. They were all tied in with a nativity scene of the manner. I'm sure that all present enjoyed the presentation, and the Christmas songs that accompanied the various scenes.

The kitchen set up a wonderful display of goodies. They had individual packages of cookies for the children. Carmelized apples, peach cake, and numerous other pastries were presented to all those attending.

I believe that the following pictures speak for themselves, and we wish to thank all those that attended, and helped to make this program to be a success; a very warm thank you; and a "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

"SILENT FOR
ALL....."





'IT WAS A TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AND
BEING NEXT TO
THE ONES WE LOVE"

"I WOULD LIKE A PIXIE
DOLL-WITH ALL THE
CLOTHES THAT GO WITH
IT, AND I WOULD LIKE
MY DADDY HOME FOR
CHRISTMAS"



"KEN I THOUGHT THE COOKIES
WERE FOR THE CHILDREN"

ROTHE HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY

There seems to be a first time for everything and one of these first times happened at Rothe Hall on Christmas Eve. This was their Christmas party which was sponsored by the North American Indian Alliance and the Yokefellow group. Attending this party were a bunch of beautiful people from Deer Lodge, Anaconda, Helena, and Great Falls; all were very friendly and warm in their willingness to share their Christmas cheer to each other.

The dining room area was a perfect spot for this big party. At the front of this room the refreshments were given to anyone who cared for either pop, popcorn, cookies, and various Christmas nuts.

In the back of the room stood a large and magnificent Christmas tree which was brightly decorated with numerous objects. On the walls were pictures of Christmas symbols. These pictures were made up of high school students from Great Falls and California. Streamers of brilliant colors--red, green, and blue--dangled from the ceiling; this brought an atmosphere of the Christmas spirit.

To begin the party the U.S.L. Western Band played a few lively songs, and a couple of the inmates sang songs. Later the pop band took over and played a selection of songs. About half way through the party, Christmas stockings full of candy, nuts, and oranges were handed out to all the people. Also, Christmas gifts sent in by the Yokefellow group were distributed to a number of the inmates. Nearly all of the inmates received a Christmas card which was sent in by people who sincerely cared for the inmates Christmas happiness.

A rare treat was that of Indian dancing from the Helena Alliance group. The dancers were two pretty Indian maidens, a man and a young boy. One of the Indian maidens had on a shawl of brilliant red and the other had on one of bright pink. The male dancers were adorned with colorful feathers. They danced in rhythm to the sound of the Indian drum, and their bells jingled in time with each dance step. After a few stylized steps were performed, they asked others to join them in a Round Dance. Many of the people were eager to participate, and it seemed that more white people were joining the Indian Round Dance than the Indians.

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A visiting break was called for, and after the break was over, Candlelight Services were called. A number of people went to this service. At midnight the Catholic Midnight Mass was also held for anyone who cared to attend. About forty-seven people went to the Midnight Mass. The Mass began with a Christmas Carol and throughout the Mass, the people answered the officiator in a mellow voice, like that of flowing life. The sermon was a story about the birth of Jesus Christ and why He should be honored on Christmas day.

Yes, there seems to be a first time for everything, and this first time was truly a great time.





ENTERTAINMENT



The following pages will cover the entertainment that came to the Montana State Prison in 1970.

Speaking from the inmates side, we wish to thank all those who took the time and effort to come inside and entertain us. It was greatly appreciated and I'm sure that the entertainers enjoyed themselves as much as their captive audience did. I know that all in all each and everyone of us here were moved by the presentation of all the acts.

There was quite a variety in the entertainment. Every thing from the Religious harmony to the top hits that were sang by the entertainers in the Wade Michaels Show.

We will be looking forward to the future engagements of 1971 with just more than the idea of having someone come in, but that we enjoy it. We wish to extend to all a very warm thanks, and we will be looking forward to seeing you again.



THE Covenant PLAYERS

SEPT. 4, 1970...Entertainment of a very different nature was presented this afternoon in Clark Theater at M. S.P.

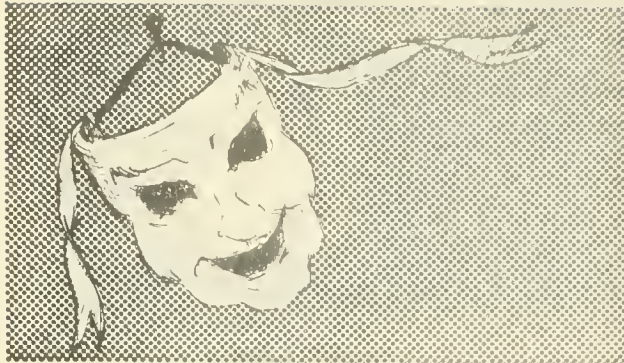
The COVENANT PLAYERS of Encino, California, graced the stage of our Theater with a series of plays designed to involve the audience and stimulate their thinking.

Their style of presentation is catalytic, challenging people to... think about what they believe. The plays (several of a repertoire of over 200) were presented as real situations with real people on stage presenting contemporary problems.

Through the use of humor, they involved the audience and created an identification with their characters.

We felt the dynamics of touching our lives with truth...the COVENANT PLAYERS...enabling us to "look at ourselves on stage"...and laugh while doing it.





THE Tripps THREE

SEPT. 6, 1970...The excitement of live musical entertainment was provided today by the TRIPPS III.

The Trio, composed of drummer.. lead and bass guitar, brought cheers and laughter to the Inmates of M.S.P.

Two performances were scheduled... the first in early afternoon at Clark Theater and late afternoon at...Rothe Hall.

The Group, now performing in their home town of Miles City, made the long cross-state journey for this special appearance immediately after last night's performance in that eastern Montana city...and....proceeded to turn around and make the return trek for a continuation of their contract there.

The show was timely and well received...quite natural for a group more than capable of the professional standing they enjoy...the TRIPPS III.



THE Waylighter SINGERS

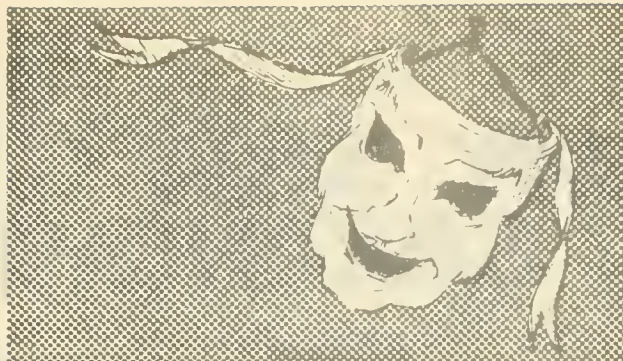
SEPT. 15, 1970...At 11:00 o'clock this morning, the WAYLIGHTER SINGERS put on a performance at M.S.P.

The Group of singers is from... Northwestern Christian College...in... Eugene, Oregon and is composed of nine students (four girls and five boys).

Their performance consisted mainly of religious songs done in a real vibrant style. They also did some popular songs, including "Scarborough Fair" and "Up Up And Away".

The Group harmony was excellent and their voices seemed to blend into a very pleasant sound. They have been singing together only since the beginning of this year's school term.

Prior to their appearing here at M.S.P. they performed in Missoula and plan an extended tour through Montana with the next scheduled stop in Helena then on to Great Falls and Billings.



AMY SHIN SINGS

In the early part of October of 1970, Amy Shin of Missoula came to the Montana State Prison Theatre.

I know that I speak for all the inmates when I say that she played her way right into the hearts of all those that attended.

She put together a variety of folk songs, that when she sang and played her guitar, it seemed that the very chords sang out the words themselves. It was well blended with her singing. It moved each and everyone of us when she told the folk lore about the Rabbit and the Duck. It ended by the Duck taking the Rabbits hand and walking off, and everything was cool.

When Amy got back to Missoula after her performance, she expressed her feelings of the response that she received by a letter that said, "Thank you for making my day beautiful."



THE WAJDIE MICHAELS ***SHOW***



I believe that the following letter from Dona Houtala says more than any thing we could add or say.

Inmates:

% Warden Estelle

Montana State Prison

Deer Lodge, Montana

Gentlemen:

The Brideside would like to thank all of you for the reception you gave us when we appeared with the Wade Michaels Show on November 29. It is a wonderful experience for entertainers to encounter an audience such as your selves and we were delighted with your warm response and enjoyment.

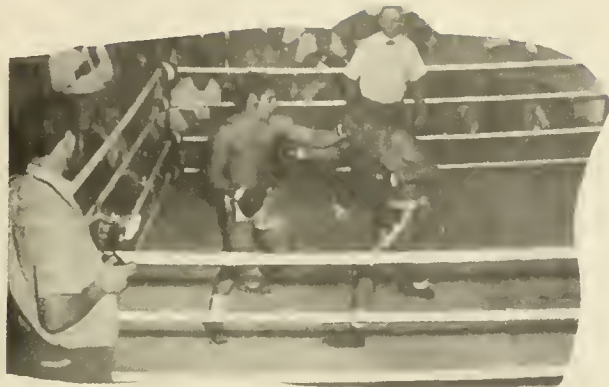
We would also like to express our thanks to Warden Estelle and Deputy Warden Blodgett for allowing us the opportunity to entertain you, and for the courteous treatment which we received.

I speak for the entire group when I say it was a fantastic and memorable experience and I hope that we may present another show to you in the near future. Again, many thanks to all of you for making our performance a success. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Dona Houtala



SPORTS



BOXING TEAM

The inside boxing team in two meets so far have compiled a very impressive record. Out of 24 fights they have won a total of 15. The last fight inside was in December and proved very worthwhile as the Inside team won 10 fights out of 14. The biggest knockout of the night, was when Ian Lopez literally knocked his opponent out, and out of the ring....The other T.K.O. came from Gary Radi, who put the gloves on for the first time this season....The only other boxer scoring a T.K.O....in the other fights came by Pete Garza. There have been 8 unanimous decision, and the rest by split decisions or losses. Bert Solle, the Recreation Director at the prison deserves a lot of credit in lining up all the bouts, and also the trainers, Leonard Doney, and Gus Gardner. I think we can be proud of the boxers and wish them luck in there upcoming meet on January 17. We will in the next issue bring you a blow by blow description and pictures of this boxing match.



BASKETBALL TEAM

The basketball season has gotten into full swing here at the Montana State Prison.....After a short lay-off over the Christmas Holidays, The Prison sponsored a 6 team Christmas Holiday Basketball Tournament. There were two teams from Butte, two from Deerlodge, and two from the inside; the Indian League team and the "A" team. The competition proved very good and tough. The Misfits of Deerlodge came away carrying the trophy. The Indian League team from the inside ended up taking 4th place. All the playoff games were played on Sunday, with a double elimination being in effect. The Championship game and the game for 3rd and 4th was played separately on a Monday. All in all the competition coming into the prison is very good. We wish to thank all the teams that come in, and hope that they continue to do so. Also a thanks once again to Bert Solle for setting up the tournament, and getting the outside teams to come in and play the inside teams. The results of all upcoming games will be published and statistics will be shown and compiled from all the games.

"Gordie" Wilkins
SPORTS EDITOR

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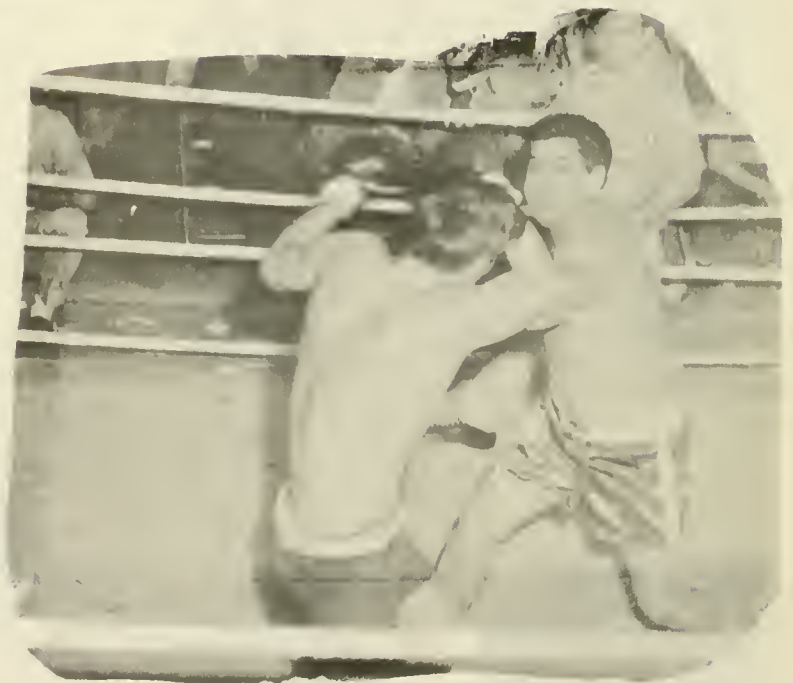
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THE LAMERE
BROTHERS

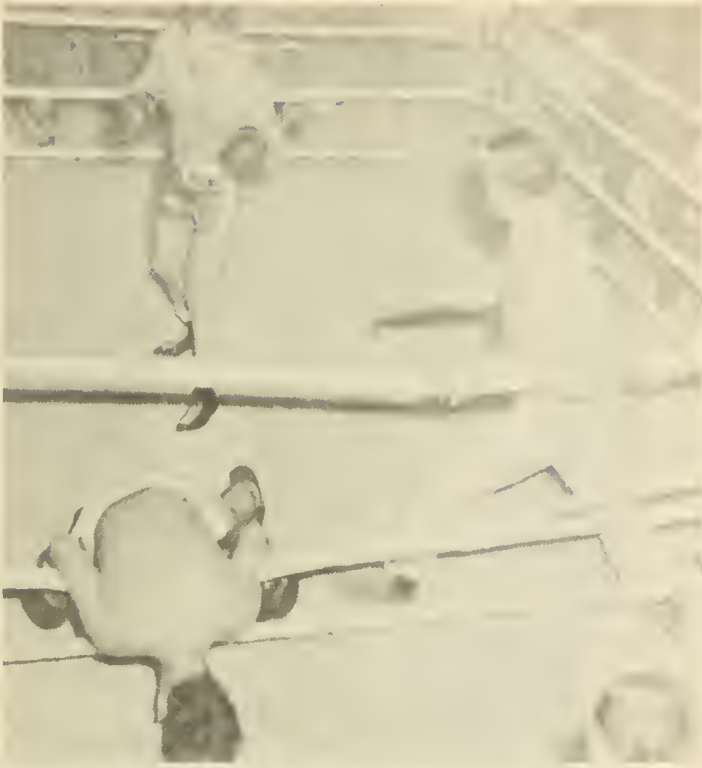


The Montana State Prison Boxing team, has two brothers fighting for them. They are Gary and Jack LaMere.

Gary started fighting in 1961 and since that time he has had 50 fights and lost only 8 for a very impressive record. He went to the Golden Gloves in 1963, but got defeated in the Semi-Finals. In 1960 he went to the State A.A.U. Tournament, where he won the Middleweight crown. In 1967 he once again fought in the State A.A.U. Tour. He was defeated in the Semi-Finals for the Light-Heavy crown. Then in 1970, at the State A.A.U. Open Tournament he won the Heavyweight crown. In the picture at the top he is shown pounding out a Unanimous Decision over Talalut of Missoula.

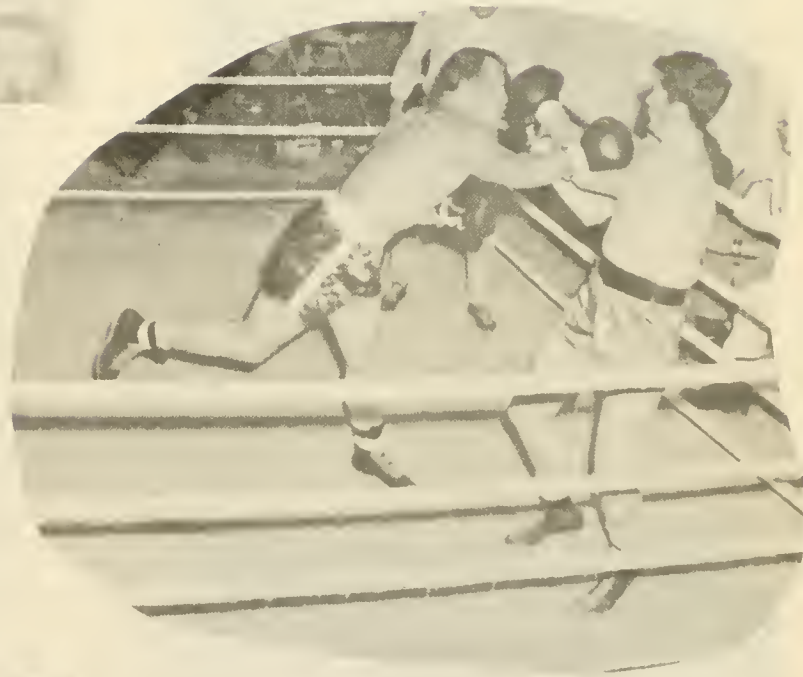


Jack started fighting in Great Falls in 1961. Although he hasn't had as many fights, he holds his own in the boxing field. He has had 15 fights and lost only 6. He went to the Golden Gloves Tournament in 1961 & 1962. He was beat out both times, only after he had reached the Semi-Finals. He is shown above defeating Dave Haun by a Unanimous Decision.



Dan Lopez Won 1..Loss 0

"Would You Believe A Knockout"



Rick Osier Won 1..Loss 0

"Give Me Your Jaw"



Gary Radi Won 1..Loss 0

"To The Showers With You"



Won - Loss Records This Year!!!

Mike Ford Won 2...Lost 1

"Take that you Brute"

Levi Campbell Won 1..Loss 0

"I'll teach you to hang one on M."



Larry High Pine Won 1...

"You will need Pepto-Bismo aft





On the left is the "Bulldog" of the
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Above John Landrie Won 1..Loss0

"May I have this Dance or Else"

On the right Billy Baker Won 0..Loss

"Not With Your Hands You Don't"





"EL-GORDO FOR TWO"



"HEY UP THERE LET GO"

"SHAZAM INTO THE BASKET WITH YOU"

"OH KNOW YOU DON'T"



"NOTABLE QUOTES"

WE CAGE PEOPLE LIKE ANIMALS IN A ZOO. BUT WE NOT ONLY PAY REAL ZOOKEEPERS MORE THAN OUR PEOPLE WORKING IN PRISONS, WE PROVIDE BIGGER AND BETTER CAGES IN REAL ZOOS.....WE GIVE CONVICTS ONLY A PLACE TO LIVE AND EAT AND WAIT UNTIL SOMEBODY SIZES FIT TO RELEASE THEM...ANYTHING THAT IS UGLY AND SHABBY IS DESTRUCTIVE TO HUMAN VALUES. THERE HAS TO BE SOME INCENTIVE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL IN ORDER FOR HIM TO PERFORM. OUR SOCIETY'S WHOLE SYSTEM IS BUILT ON INCENTIVES....IN PUNISHMENT, I'M NOT TOO INTERESTED.

ARNOLD FONTESSO, DIRECTOR
OKLA. DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS

FUNDAMENTAL TO DUE PROCESS OF LAW IS THE TENET THAT A MAN IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT....PREVENTATIVE DETENTION...CONVICTS INDIVIDUALS OF PROBABLE GUILT AND DANGEROUSNESS AND SENTENCES THEM TO 60 DAYS IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF A CRIME. SUCH FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS SMACKS OF A POLICE STATE.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN JR.
DEMOCRAT - N.C.

REGARDING ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION...THEY WOULD VIOLATE BASIC PRINCIPLES, SACRIFICING LIBERTY ON THE ALTAR OF FEAR. SAFETY CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE PRICE OF FREEDOM. WHEN ONE IS LOST, BOTH ARE LOST. IT IS NOT FREEDOM THAT CAUSES CRIME.

RAMSEY CLARK
FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

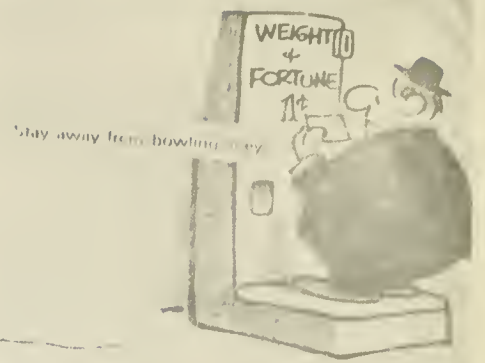
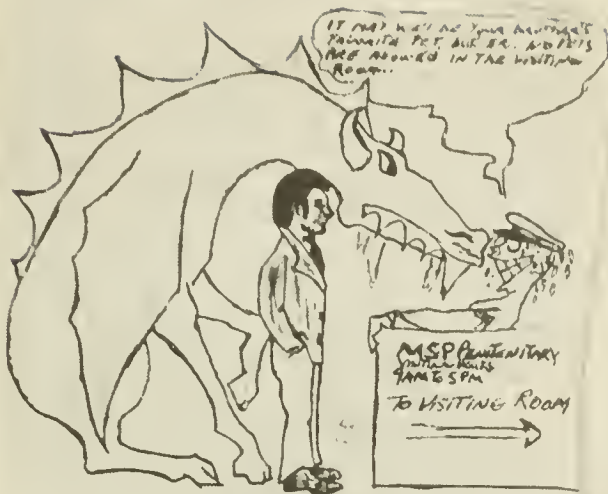
PERHAPS THE REAL EVIL UNDERLYING OUR PENAL SYSTEM IS NOT ITS CONCEPTS, WHETHER REHABILITATION OR VENGEANCE OR SOMETHING ELSE, BUT THE LACK OF ANY AGREED CONCEPT, THE ABSENCE OF PLAN AND PURPOSE, AND WORST OF ALL--INDIFFERENCE THAT UNDERLIES THE NEGLECT.

WE CAN NO LONGER LIMIT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDING DEFENSE SERVICES FOR THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, YET CONTINUE TO BE MISERLY WITH THE NEEDS OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROBATION AND PAROLE SERVICES.

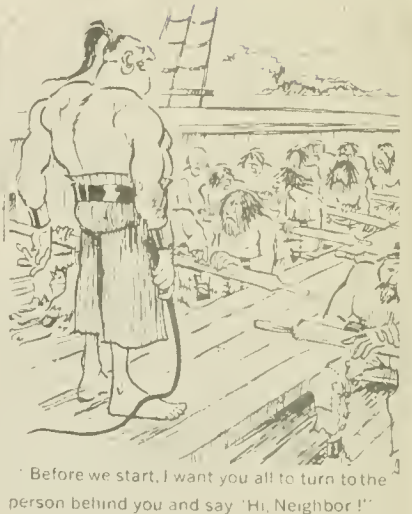
CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN E. BURGER

LIFE IN MANY INSTITUTIONS IS AT BEST BARREN AND FUTILE, AT WORST UNSPEAKABLY BRUTAL AND DEGRADING. TO BE SURE, THE OFFENDERS IN SUCH INSTITUTIONS ARE INCAPACITATED FROM COMMITTING FURTHER CRIMES WHILE SERVING THEIR SENTENCES, BUT THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEY LIVE ARE THE POOREST POSSIBLE PREPARATION FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY INTO SOCIETY, AND OFTEN MERELY REINFORCE IN THEM A PATTERN OF MANIPULATION OR DESTRUCTIVENESS.

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First dollar I ever made - a quarter of an inch too long!"

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